



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 03-043
Prompted By: OWNER COMPLAINT
Date Opened: 09/23/2003 Date Closed: 10/30/2003
Principal Investigator: Robert Young
Subject: THROTTLE FAILS TO RETURN TO IDLE

Manufacturer: BUELL MOTORCYCLE CO.
Products: 1995-2001 BUELL S1, S1T, S2, S2T, S3, S3T, M2, AND X1
Population: 2,830

Problem Description: THROTTLE CABLE HOUSING HANGS UP IN
CARBURETOR/THROTTLE BODY CABLE BRACKET. THROTTLE MAY NOT RETURN TO
IDLE WHEN RELEASED BY THE RIDER.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

| | ODI | Manufacturer | Total |
|---------------------|-----|--------------|-------|
| Complaints: | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Crashes/Fires: | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Injury Incidents: | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| # Injuries: | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Fatality Incidents: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| # Fatalities: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other*: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Description of Other:

Action: BUELL IS RECALLING THE AFFECTED MOTORCYCLES (03V-427). THIS
PRELIMINARY EVALUATION IS CLOSED.

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Summary: To address the problem described above, Buell is recalling those fuel-injected motorcycles
that it built without a throttle cable control clamp.

For more information on this subject, please refer to the memorandum entitled "the scope of Buell's
safety recall, 03V-427" copy attached.

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